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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4291

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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR DALE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, APER, UNFDAC

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND)

1. MISOFF APPROACHED USYG DAVIDSON EVENING OF SEPT 15
TO GET READING ON EARLIER REPORT THAT AGREEMENT TO
APPOINT BRAENDEN AS ACTING HEAD OF DND HAD BEEN REJECTED
BY SYG WALDHEIM. DAVIDSON SAID THAT AFTERNOON OF SEPT 14
WALDHEIM HAD CALLED DAVIDSON, SAYING THAT HE HAD JUST READ
DAVIDSON'S MEMO PROPOSING BRAENDEN ASSUMING DND POST ON
TEMPORARY BASIS. WALDHEIM'S REPLY TO SUGGESTION WAS THAT
HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE TO BRAENDEN'S APPOINTMENT
"FOR A WEEK, MONTH, OR YEAR." DAVIDSON SAID HE ATTEMPTED
TO ARGUE CASE BUT SYG WAS ADAMENTLY OPPOSED.

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2. DAVIDSON SUGGESTED TO WALDHEIM ALTERNATIVE WHEREBY DEBEUS, NEW HEAD OF UNFDAC, COULD ASSUME CONCURRENTLY ON ACTING BASIS POST OF DND DIRECTOR. ADVANTAGES WOULD BE TO GIVE DEBEUS OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE OVERALL UN NARCOTICS PROGRAM, PERMIT DEBEUS TO PARTICIPATE IN SELECTION OF DND HEAD WITH WHOM HE WOULD HAVE TO WORK CLOSELY, AND GET AROUND PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE VACANCY IN DND WHICH WAS TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS. WALDHEIM ASKED ABOUT MICUTA FOR DND POST, TO WHICH DAVIDSON RESPONDED FIRMLY IN NEGATIVE CITING US OPPOSITION. WALDHEIM THEN AGREED THAT DE BEUS BEING NAMED ACTING HEAD OF DND WAS BEST SOLUTION. THIS INFO CABLED TO WINSPEARE BY DAVIDSON LATE SEPT 15 IN EXPECTATION THAT FORMER WOULD AGREE.

3. DAVIDSON REQUESTED THAT HE NOT BE SOURCE OF INFO, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT AMB DALE LEARN OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS FROM WINSPEARE.

4. ON REFLECTION, DAVIDSON SAID HE HOPED USG WOULD AGREE TO DE BEUS DND ACTING APPOINTMENT WHICH HE PERSONALLY FELT WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF UN NARCOTICS PROGRAM. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF USG AND OTHERS MADE STRONG DEMARCHE TO WALDHEIM IN FAVOR OF BRAENDEN THAT SYG PROBABLY WOULD GIVE IN. DAVIDSON QUESTIONED USG AND OTHERS SPENDING SO MUCH POLITICAL CAPITAL FOR WHAT WOULD STILL BE ONLY A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT. MOYNIHAN

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